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REQUEST FORM FOR APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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APPLICATION: 041-1894D

Prior Application No.: 09/506,600
Prior Art Unit: 2122
Prior Examiner: A. Khatri

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No.

09/506,600, filed on 18 February 2000, entitled INFORMATION FILTERING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREFERENTIALLY TAKING OUT INFORMATION HAVING A HIGH NECESSITY, by the following named inventors: Toshiki Kindo.

1. [X] I hereby state that the enclosed application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application Serial No. 09/506,600
2. Oath or Declaration
- [] Newly executed (original or copy)
 - [X] Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
 - [] Deletion of inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
3. [X] Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 2b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 2b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference
4. [X] Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.
6. [X] Cancel claims 2 - 32.
7. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 6 above:

	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	6	MINUS 20	0	x \$18 =	\$.00
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3	0	x \$80 =	\$.00
Basic Application Fee					\$ 710.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00					\$.00
Total Application Fee					\$ 710.00
Subtract 1/2 if small entity					\$.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$ 710.00
AMOUNT PAID BY ACCOMPANYING FORM PTO 2038					\$ 710.00

- 7a. [] Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- 7b. [] A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
- 8.a. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, to Deposit Account No. 50-1088.
- 8b. [X] Enclosed is [] Check No. _____ or [X] Form PTO 2038 in the amount of \$710.00.
9. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This application is a Division of Application Serial No.09/506,600 filed February 18, 2000, which is a Division of Application Serial No. 08/707,565 filed September 4, 1996--
10. [X] Priority of Application Serial No. 7-226172, filed on September 4, 1995 and Application Serial No. 8-031547, filed on February 20, 1996 in Japan is claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified priority documents were filed in Serial No. 08/707,565 on October 22, 1996.
11. [X] The prior applications are assigned of record to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
12. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
Israel Gopstein, Registration No. 27,333 and others of the former firm of Lowe, Price, Leblanc & Becker
13. [X] Also enclosed: 18 pages of drawings.
14. [] A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until __
145. [X] Address all future communications to:

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